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SUBJECT: ANOTHER DETAINEE DEATH

1. PRESS HAS REPORTED THAT SAMUEL MALINGA, 45. WHO HAD BEEN DETAINED IN SOWETO ON JANUARY 31 AND HELD BY SECURITY POLICE UNDER SECTION 60F TERRORISM ACT, DIED OF NATURAL CAUSES FEBRUARY 22 WHILE IN POLICE CUSTODY AT EDENDALE HOSPITAL, NATAL. MALINGA, WHO WAS DETAINED IN 1963 FOR THREE MONTHS, WAS PICKED UP OUTSIDE HIS HOME AT 2 A.M. BY SEVEN POLICEMEN WHO SEARCHED HIS HOME AND TOOK HIM AWAY WITHOUT TELLING WIFE WHERE HE WOULD BE HELD. WIFE SUBSEQUENTLY DISCOVERED HE WAS BEING HELD IN PIETERMARITZBURG BUT WAS REFUSED PERMISSION TO VISIT HIM. ON FEBRUARY 22 SHE WAS TOLD HER HUSBAND HAD BEEN ADMITTED TO EDENDALE HOSPITAL BUT THAT SHE COULD NOT VISIT HIM UNTIL MARCH 3. MRS. MALINGA THEN CONTACTED MRS. HARRY OPPENHEIMER (A FORMER UNCLASSIFIED

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EMPLOYER) WHO ARRANGED PERMISSION FOR A VISIT. HOWEVER ON FEB. 23 MRS. MALINGA WAS ADVISED OF HUSBAND'S DEATH.

2. COL. J.G.DREYER, DIVISIONAL COMMANDER
OF SECURITY POLICE IN NATAL, TOLD PRESS THAT
MALINGA, WHO COMPLAINED OF HEART CONDITION ON

ARRIVAL IN PIETERMARITZBURG AND WHO HAD PILLS WITH HIM, DIED OF A PULMONARY EMBOLISM. PRESS SUBSEQUENTLY QUOTED MRS. MALINGA AS SAYING HUSBAND WAS VERY HEALTHY MAN, TOOK NO PILLS, AND DID NOT SUFFER FROM HEART COMPLAINT. HOWEVER, PROFESSOR I. GORDON, HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FORENSIC MEDICINE AT NATAL UNIVERSITY, WHO CARRIED OUT THE POST MORTEM, CONFIRMED ON FEBRUARY 25 THAT MALINGA HAD IN FACT DIED OF NATURAL CAUSES, SPECIFICALLY "CHRONIC HEART DISESE COMPLICATED BY LUNG CHANGES", AND OPINED DETENTION HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH MALINGA'S DEATH.FARBER

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